

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6 1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS TX 75202-2733 APR 0 6 2011

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT MAIL

Eric F. Pastor Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC 2201 Double Creek Drive, Suite 4004 Round Rock, TX 78664

Re: Gulfco Marine Maintenance Superfund Site, Freeport, Texas Unilateral Administrative Order, CERCLA Docket No. 06-05-05A Final Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment Report

Dear Mr. Pastor:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) have performed a review of the above referenced document dated March 31, 2011. With this letter, the EPA approves the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment Report (BERA) with the following modifications:

- 1. (Executive Summary, p. vi): The text includes the word "draft". Draft shall be deleted from references to this BERA.
- 2. (Section 4.2, p. 30): The BERA includes the following: "The SEM/AVS ratios presented in Table 8 are all above 1.0, except for EWSED08 (with an SEM/AVS ration of 0.157) ... The initial parenthesis shall be moved to before the word "except" to clarify that the end of the sentence refers to the SEM/AVS ratios above 1.0, instead of to sample EWSED08, as follows: "The SEM/AVS ratios presented in Table 8 are all above 1.0 (except for EWSED08 with an SEM/AVS ration of 0.157) ..."

These modifications shall be incorporated in the referenced document and copies provided to the notification list within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 665-8318, or send an e-mail message to miller.garyg@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Remedial Project Manager

cc: Luda Voskov (TCEQ)